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Of Oregon— Its Government and People

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In the opinion of many political observers—the political future of Governor Martin is definitely bound up in the labor controversy now raging in Portland. Not that the governor has stepped into the Portland situation with any thought of bolstering up his political fortunes. No one will question his sincerity in desiring the immediate restoration of harmony among the warring labor factions so that the wheels of industry may again begin turning and thousands of idle workmen returned to gainful employment.

But now that he is in the picture, and upon his own insistence, the outcome of his overtures will unquestionably have a very decided bearing upon his candidacy should he seek a second term as governor as is now generally believed that he will. Such strength as the governor now possesses—which many is believed to be considerable—is largely concentrated in the so-called conservative element of the state's voting population. This strength is based largely upon his outspoken criticism and courageous attack of public problems. Should he succeed in bringing the warring labor factions together, especially now that the National Labor Relations Board has admitted its failure in this regard, it will not only consolidate the governor's following but will attract to him thousands of wavering voters, including a large block of organized labor especially among the rank and file who are pretty well fed up with the constant wrangling of their organization heads and are ready to follow any leader who proves himself strong enough to restore them to their jobs.

Speaking of the governorship it now appears that Warren Erwin, encouraged by his success in the recent fight for the presidency of the Oregon Jackson club, now has designs on the state's highest office. Erwin, report has it, might be content with the democratic nomination for secretary of state, should Howard Lafourette insist upon a go at the governorship.

Reports are reaching Salem from apparently authentic sources indicate that plans are now under way in Portland to submit to the voters an initiative measure for repeal of the milk control act. Automatic powers contained in the act giving the control board the right to fix the price of milk as well as the fact that the act virtually closes the door against any new distributor entering the Oregon field, are said to be the principal objection to the measure which has been the center of bitter fights in the past two legislative sessions.

Albert R. Hunter, chairman of the State Industrial Accident Commission, is resigning his position due to ill health according to reports about the capitol. These reports indicate that while Hunter will give up his place on the commission proper he will be retained in the organization in a minor capacity. Hunter, who was appointed to the commission by Governor Meier, was formerly a resident of Union county.

Plans for the erection of a new fish hatchery on Foster creek, tributary to Rogue River, in Curry county were announced here this week by Governor Martin. The hatchery, it was explained, will be erected by the State Fish Commission and will be devoted to the propagation of salmon.

Thirteen thousand pounds of Oregon flax twine will be used by Uncle Sam's navy next year. The huge order was placed with a Salem mill this week due to the influence of Governor Martin and Senator McNary with the navy department.

As was predicted in this column several weeks ago there will be no tax levy against property for state purposes next year. Formal announcement of the state levy was made by the tax commission Saturday.

Waiver of the property levy, however, was not due to any decrease in state expenditures but was brought about entirely by the increase in revenues from income taxes. On the contrary the levy takes advantage of the full six per

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Delinquent Tax Payers Urged To Hurry

The sheriff is sending out announcements this week to delinquent tax payers telling them that payments must be started on their taxes before the end of the year or foreclosure is imminent. Notification of taxpayers is mandatory on the part of the sheriff.

It is now necessary for the sheriff to issue certificates of delinquency next year for all unpaid 1937 taxes and older unless a quarter of the oldest tax year is paid and the 1937 taxes are paid. After December 31 it will not be possible to take advantage of the quarter year payment plan unless the first payment has been made prior to that time. This plan includes the 1933-34 year to the 1937 tax year.

Letters of various kinds informing the delinquent taxpayer of the amount of his taxes and the laws applying to them are being sent out from the sheriff's office to all delinquent taxpayers both real and personal. These should clarify the matter for the taxpayer and result in payment of taxes before January first.

O'Meara Holds Tractor School

The annual tractor school given each fall by the Caterpillar Tractor company, the John Deere company and Pat O'Meara was held Tuesday afternoon at the Wasco Opera house with a crowd of nearly 200 in attendance.

Moving pictures showing the many uses of tractors in different parts of the nation were shown by a crew of men from the companies concerned and displays of the working parts of the machinery were mounted for examination by the farmers who were there. A large truck is used to transport the equipment from one school to another.

The showmen and speakers were Dan Kincheol, George Erland, and George Triplett of the John Deere company and Tom Fahy, Jim Ford and G. B. Money of the Caterpillar company. A free lunch was served at noon.

Thirty-Four Fewer Persons Killed

Thirty-four fewer Oregonians were killed in automobile accidents from October 1 to November 15 this year than last. Secretary of State Earl Snell announced this week on the basis of preliminary reports.

Most gratifying of all reductions occurred in the first two weeks of this month, when only ten deaths were reported, compared with 36 deaths in the same period last year.

"Our campaign to reduce last fall's record of 183 killed in three months has met with amazing success so far," Snell declared. "If we can maintain the present rate during the last part of this quarter we shall accomplish a total saving of 41 lives."

Work Still Needed

"We must all be careful not to relax caution simply because our death toll is improving," he continued. "A number of bad smash-ups could spoil the picture very easily. We are particularly anxious to continue our good record by recording an accident-free Thanksgiving holiday, which last year took five lives in two days."

"Rainy or foggy conditions are apt to prevail during the holiday period, and frost is not at all improbable," he pointed out. "Many drivers will also be tempted to take long trips while they are fatigued. But I am sure they will all prefer to spend a shorter time with the 'home folks' than to have injury or death mar their holiday."

Auxiliary Party Well Attended

The American Legion Auxiliary entertainment and dance held last Saturday night drew a good sized crowd who applauded the program and later indulged in the dance numbers.

Dancing, singing, music and skits made up the program which not only included many local residents but several of the boys from the camp gave entertaining numbers. The Michel orchestra played old and new time dance tunes.

Wasco Organizes Civic Club To Aid Community

E. D. McKee Elected Head
Of New Group and Viggo
Haufelt Secretary; Board of
Young Directors Chosen

Formation of a community organization to be called the Wasco Civic Club was perfected in that city Monday night at a well attended meeting called after brief conferences between local business men.

Sixty nine men, farmers and business men, dined at the Sherman Hotel and later endorsed the idea of a civic club to aid in community betterment of all kinds. E. D. McKee, former county judge, was elected president and Viggo Haufelt, secretary.

A committee of three, T. Lester Johnson, B. H. Grady and T. L. Kistner, was named to draw up the by-laws for the organization and present them at the next meeting which has been scheduled for December 20 at the hotel.

Named on the executive committee were George Moon, Homer Dixon, Owen Barnett, Lewis Hastings, Keith McDonald, T. L. Kistner, Lowell Burres, Buck Spencer, T. Lester Johnson and John McClure.

Entertainment special for the evening was provided by the tractor school crew who showed a picture made in a community with a similar desire for self improvement.

Co-operation between the new Wasco Civic Club and other organizations interested in the development of the county is to be one of the aims of the newly formed group.

Camp Programs On Alternate Weeks

Beginning Wednesday, December 8, Camp Night programs at the Recreation Hall of Moro CCC Camp will be resumed and will continue to be given every other Wednesday during the winter. Local people are invited to attend and participate in these programs and also to visit the camp at any time.

Mrs. Donald V. Holliday, who has just arrived from North Carolina will help in the arrangement of programs and training the performers. Local people who desire to take part in these programs may report to Mrs. Holliday at the Hotel Moro.

Grange Elects New Officers For 1938

Officers elected by Harland View Grange for the year 1938 are as follows: George McDonald, master; Harold Eakin, overseer; Mrs. Orval Thompson, lecturer; C. J. Thompson, chaplain; Clara Houston, secretary; Wilford Belshe, treasurer; Clifford May, steward; Robert Belshe, ass't steward; Mrs. Robert Belshe, lady steward; Fritz Rohweder, gate keeper; Ellen Reynolds, Ceres; Cecil Eakin, Flora; Christine Platt, Pomona. New officers will be installed early in December.

Legion Votes Improvement To Hall

The local American Legion post met last week and voted to make every effort to improve the Legion hall by reconstruction, recovering the interior and paint when possible.

A party for the members of the Auxiliary will be given the night of December 18 and E. W. Christensen, Vernon Platt and W. J. Martin were named on a committee to provide for the food. Willy Knighten, Omer Sayrs and Giles French were named to make up the entertainment.

ELDERS REQUEST BLANKS

Quite a number of men and women between the ages of 65 and 70 have signified their intention of asking for a pension when they become eligible next month. Throughout the state it is estimated that the demands on the pension fund will be increased by 60 percent by the first month of the year.

Wasco Bank Stockholders Sue Bank Examiner

A suit in the circuit court was filed this week wherein Earl T. Jones, E. D. McKee and F. R. Fortner, acting as representatives of 396 out of 550 shares of the Bank of Commerce ask that Mark Skinner, superintendent of banks, be restrained from paying interest to the depositors of that bank.

Depositors have already been paid the principal amount of their claims and the state banking department has ruled that when sufficient money remains that it is to be used to pay interest on the deposits. This the stockholders dispute.

The liquidation of the bank will not be affected in any way by this suit as the money due the bank will be collected in any event. The question is whether the stockholders are to receive the sums that remain after the principal of the deposits is paid or whether all, or part of it, is to be paid out to the depositors as interest on their claims.

Platt, Henderson, Warner & Cram are attorneys for the stockholders and S. J. Graham and F. P. Keenan are attorneys for the banking department.

1938 Farm Program Going Ahead In Oregon

Work in Oregon toward putting into effect the 1938 agricultural conservation program will continue as planned and now under way, regardless of any expected action in congress on pending agricultural bills, it is pointed out by N. C. Donaldson, executive secretary of the state AAA committee, at Corvallis.

The pending bills will not supersede or displace the present agricultural conservation program, but will, if passed, add to or supplement the present program, it is explained by Donaldson.

With community meetings and elections having been completed in all parts of the state, new county organizations are now being completed preparatory to going ahead with the 1938 program in every county. As soon as the state goals on the total soil depleting acreage and total potato acreage is received, the state committee will set up county goals, after which the county committees will break down the totals into farm goals. As far as known now, none of this work will be materially affected by proposed additional legislation.

Farmers Invited

Meanwhile, the various county committees have issued invitations to all farmers who have not participated in previous programs to sign work sheets for 1938. All those who had turned in such sheets in 1937 will automatically be listed, but there is now opportunity for any others to prepare to participate in the coming year if they so choose. There is nothing compulsory about the participation, of course, and even after the work sheets are signed, there is nothing to compel the grower to apply the program on his farm if he believes it to his advantage to do otherwise.

Thousands of applications for payment under the 1937 program are now being handled at the state office, and some 500 have already been passed for payment. First checks will be issued and distributed from the accounting office in the near future.

State Tax Reduced

Sherman county's share of the state's taxes has been reduced slightly this year. No state levy was made but the elementary school tax, which remains in the county of origin will be levied. For this county it will amount to \$14,464.49 which is lower than for 1937 when it totaled \$14,725.98.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.
Nov. 25	59	41	.00
" 26	44	35	.00
" 27	54	39	.00
" 28	51	44	.02
" 29	44	30	.00
" 30	36	21	.00
Dec. 1	30	27	.00
Total for week			.02

Local League Committees Work On Resolutions

Varied Activities of League
For Wheatgrower Studied
and Action Taken On Them
By Sherman Counties

With the meeting of the Taxation, and Legislation committee at Grass Valley Wednesday night the Sherman county committees appointed to sound out the sentiment over the wheat belt prior to the Eastern Oregon Wheat League convalesce in La Grand today finished their work.

Recommendations were made by each of the five sub-committees on the subjects handled by them. These will be taken before the league committees for final action from which they will emerge as resolutions of the wheat league or ideas that failed to win support.

Legislation Recommended

On taxation and legislation the recommendations favored the present state road fund division while asking for more work in rural roads by the state; tax equalization feature of the county unit school plan; that all income bearing property be on the assessment rolls; state aid for elementary schools; if gambling is legalized to have state operation; labor incorporation and compulsory arbitration; establishment of industry at Bonneville; close study of each pension case; fewer tax laws and a study of the county manager system by a league committee.

The transportation and rural electrification group recommended that the Pettigill bill be defeated, the 70 car train bill be killed and that the compulsory 8 hour bill be not passed. High freight rates were condemned and the work of the tri-state transportation council was lauded.

Control Liked

The committee on federal agricultural programs asked for a larger number of units for seedings of created wheat grass and maintenance of them; favored crop insurance; favorable to compulsory production control if 65% vote for it and it is farmer controlled; liked the ever normal granary.

Rex and Federation Favored

The production and wheat handling committee recommended White Federation wheat for spring seeding, especially on thin land; Rex wheat for shallow soils for winter sowing; study of white wheat protein; good seed wheat; porcupine control; and found no substitute for wheat except Crested Wheat grass where stock is owned.

SCS Project Aids Range on Reservation

Indians on the 538,000-acre Warm Springs reservation are finding the land value of their livestock ranges materially increasing as a result of the work of the Soil Conservation service on its project here. This reservation consists almost entirely of grazing land, the value of which has been declining through lack of adequate conservation practices.

SCS Does Range Work

Under the leadership of the SCS project, five types of range improvement work have been carried out in cooperation with the Indian service. These are the construction of drift fences, the building of corals, development of springs and seeps, construction of water storage reservoirs, and provisions for growing supplemental forage crops under irrigation.

Better distribution of livestock has been brought about through the construction of some 20 miles of drift fences and development of 29 springs and water holes. A water impounding dam of 860 acre-foot storage capacity is nearing completion in Happy Canyon.

4-H'ER WINS TRIP



OREGON 4-H Club girls have a challenge in the record of Jacqueline Morton, 16, of Cottage Grove, chosen by Extension Leaders as the year's "Ideal". Her 4-year report covers 21 projects in which she canned 438 pints of foods, prepared 174 dishes and 37 home meals and 23 outdoor meals, made 22 garments, baked 37 times, performed 292 household tasks, gave 25 demonstrations, winning state and western championships in 1937 and entered four judging contests and one style revue. On 80 exhibits she won \$160.90, and all projects are inventoried at \$299.02. She receives an all-expense trip to the 16th National Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26-Dec. 4, where she will compete for Western State honors. Victors in the four sectional contests and a fifth ranking state winner at large will receive college scholarships totaling \$1200 provided by Montgomery Ward as incentives in this 16th annual contest.

Two Badly Hurt In Crash of Two Cars

An automobile accident that nearly proved fatal, occurred early Sunday morning at the intersection of Fourth Street and the Sherman highway when Don DeMoss and Gertrude Gillmor in the DeMoss car collided with Randall Martin, who had as passengers, Howard Conlee and Betty Powell.

DeMoss was the most seriously injured as he received a cut on his forehead and a broken collar bone. Miss Gillmor was cut and bruised and it was feared she was more seriously injured but she was able to return home after a few days in the hospital. Miss Powell was bruised but not seriously hurt. The others escaped injury.

Both cars were badly wrecked being thrown off the highway toward the Legion hall.

Mrs. Ruth Miller Buried At Wasco

Mrs. Ruth Miller died suddenly at her home southeast of Moro Sunday night from a heart attack. She had visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Schwendel at Wasco during the day and apparently felt well. After returning home she had an attack which made it difficult for her to breathe and her husband called the doctor but she had passed away before he arrived.

Ruth Lillian Miller was born in Cowell, California, August 27, 1913 and passed away at Moro, Oregon, November 28th, 1937 at the age of 24 years. She moved with her parents to Oregon when she was four and one half years old. She attended the Wasco Public School and High School, graduating with the class of 1932.

She was united in marriage to Merle A. Miller of Moro, Oregon on the eleventh of September 1933.

Was Club President

She was president of the Women's club until recently. Those surviving are: Her husband, Merle A. Miller of Moro, Oregon, her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Schwendel and two brothers John and Leland Schwendel all of Wasco, Oregon, and a host of friends.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Wasco and interment was made in the cemetery there. Rev. F. L. Cansell officiated and Max Williams, Keith McDonald, Paul Kaseberg, George Moon, Wm. McKean and Arthur Spencer acted as pallbearers.

THREE BOYS GET 991 COYOTES

Lakeview—Three Silver Lake boys entered the Lake County Predatory Animal contest sponsored by the county court took a total of 991 coyotes, reports County agent Vic Johnson. Darrel Ferris was first with 483; Kenneth Emory next with 293 and Claudis Lundy third with 215.

Budget Balanced By Reduction Of Original Estimates

Cuts Made In Appropriations
For County Fair, County
Agent, Machine Shed and
Other Smaller Items

Final consideration of the budget was made Thursday morning after postponement from the regular date, November 20, when it was found that the proposed budget exceeded the six percent limitation. Conference was held Wednesday at regular court meeting and the final decision was given the following morning.

Budget Cut \$1990

The court reduced the former estimated by \$1990 to keep within the statutory limitation, the following items taking the larger part of the cut. Cost of the upkeep of the court house was reduced from \$1700 to \$1600, the election booth item was cut to \$50, the county fair appropriation was cut from \$2000 to \$1500, the appropriation for the county agent's office was held at \$1600 cancelling off a proposed \$100 raise and the proposed machine shed for county machinery was taken from the estimates saying \$1000.

Weed District Postponed

The appropriation for office deputies was held at \$1020 for both the sheriff's and clerk's deputies and the school superintendent was held to an appropriation of \$400 for office help. While no increase was made in the appropriation for old age pensions there was doubts as to whether \$2500 will be sufficient for 1938.

The petition of farmers of the district near and west of Moro for a weed control district was laid on the table until another meeting as some land owners had not signed the petition. The proposal was that White Top be eradicated and that other perennial noxious weeds be controlled by the newly formed district.

Minor rulings were made by the court while in session and the bills for the month were paid.

Wheat Situation Remains Wack

The general wheat situation remained weak influenced by continued weakness in security markets, limited export trade, increased offerings of new Australian wheat and some improvement in prospects in Argentina. Despite light Southern Hemisphere shipments and prospects of relatively small surpluses both in Argentina and Australia, inquiry for Canadian and United States wheat continued dull. Argentine shipments amounted to only 128,000 bushels and Australian shipments to 978,000 bushels, while 2,312,000 bushels, including 1,680,000 bushels of Russian wheat, were shipped through Black Sea ports. First marketing of new Argentine wheat from Santa Fe showed excellent quality and unexpectedly high yields which tend to offset prospective reductions in central and southern sections of the Argentine wheat belt. Trade estimates placed the exportable surplus around 50,000,000 bushels below the current season's shipments. The Argentine acreage this season is officially estimated at 18,909,000 acres. Harvesting proceeded rapidly in Australia under favorable weather conditions with the new crop above average quality. Shippers were pressing supplies and market stocks increased materially.

Partial Eclipse Sighted Here

A peculiar cast of the sky was noticeable Thursday afternoon when the sun partially hid behind the moon in a little heralded eclipse. Although cloudy weather had been customary for several days before the meteorological event the sun was shining brightly as it passed into temporary hiding.

It was a bit too chilly for amateur scientists to stand outside and admire the corona or to make other observations regarding the manifestation of nature. Therefore that which students of the heavens travel across the continent to see was merely a minor incident of a quiet day in a small town.